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Who had the Best Life?

In history we have been learning about what had happened long ago and about how the First nations and the French were great rivals, the nuns created schools for girls and much more. In my opinion I think the Habitants lived the best life because they had a lot of things going on in their lives and they had some pretty interesting facts about them.

The Habitants were known as the farmers who worked the land owned by seigneurs. The Habitant families worked hard. They had lots of responsibilities as well as cutting and clearing the land. Some things that I found interesting about their lives were that they actually had to raise animals to protect themselves from danger. They also were allowed to go into the church. They were only allowed to because they paid taxes to the church. Something that I found out that I thought was very fascinating was that the H in the Montreal Canadians logo in the middle means the Habitants. Some of the Fundamental needs for the Habitants are that they give a portion of their production to the seigneur as rent; they work without pay for about ten days a year, planting and harvesting the seigneur's personal fields, provide free labor to build and maintain a church and roadways on the seigneurie, and much more. They worked like this all year long. It was very exhausting for them. They never had breaks not even in the summer and winter where it is ice cold and steaming hot. Even the children were expected to help.

The list of the things the Habitants had to do in all the seasons are very hard work. In the summer they had to plant hay for winter animal feed and harvest grain crops and took some of them to seigneur's mill to be ground into flour. In the winter they had to care for animals and cut trees for firewood. In the spring they had to repair fences, took animals to pasture, and ploughed and planted fields with vegetables and grains. In the fall they had to do the most of all the seasons. They had to stored grain and flour, brought animals back from pasture for winter, stacked firewood and butchered some animals, stored provisions for winter, and prepared fields for next year's crop.

There are all the reasons why I think the Habitants had the best life. I liked all the work they did for the seigneurs and how they did everything specifically in each season like in the summer they had to plant hay and in the winter they had to care for the animals. I liked how their lives were pretty interesting even though they had so much work to do.